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In re application of: Bevilacqua, M. et al.

Serial No.: 09 / 821,850

Group Art Unit:

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF FILING OR
BEFORE MAILING OF FIRST OFFICE ACTION (37 C.F.R. 1.97(b))**

NOTE: "An information disclosure statement shall be considered by the Office if filed by the applicant: (1) within three months of the filing date of a national application; (2) within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application; or (3) before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last." 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b).

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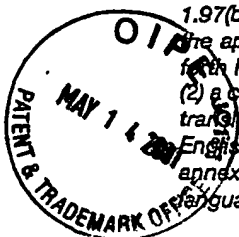
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NOTE: The "filing date of a national application" under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) has two possible meanings. Where the filing is a direct one to the United States Patent & Trademark Office, the filing is defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) as "the date on which: (1) A specification containing a description pursuant to § 1.71 and at least one claim pursuant to § 1.75; and (2) any drawing required by § 1.81(a), are filed in the Patent and Trademark Office in the name of the actual inventor or inventors as required by § 1.41." 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(1). On the other hand, an international application that enters the national stage occurs when the applicant has filed the documents and fees required by 35 U.S.C. § 371(c) within the periods set forth in § 1.494 or § 1.495. 35 U.S.C. § 371(c) requires the filing of the following: (1) the national fee; (2) a copy of the international application, unless already sent by the International Bureau, and an English translation if filed in another language; (3) amendments under PCT Article 19, with a translation into English if made in another language; (4) an oath or declaration; and (5) a translation into English of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report, if such annexes were made in another language. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(2).



IDENTIFICATION OF TIME OF FILING THE ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b).

NOTE: "No certification or fee is due when the filing is made within the above time period. It is advisable to ensure that no Office action has been mailed if the disclosure statement is delayed until after three months from filing."

NOTE: "An information disclosure statement will be considered to have been filed on the day it was received in the Office, or on an earlier date of a mailing if accompanied by a properly executed certificate of mailing under 37 C.F.R. 1.8, or Express Mail certificate under 37 C.F.R. 1.10. An Office action is mailed on the date indicated in the Office action." Notice of April 20, 1992 (1138 O.G. 37-41, 39).

NOTE: "The term 'national application' includes continuing applications (continuations, divisions, continuations-in-part) so three-months will be measured from the actual filing date of an application as opposed [sic] to the effective date of a continuing application." Notice of April 20, 1992 (1138 O.G. 37-41, 39).

NOTE: "An action on the merits means an action which treats the patentability of the claims in an application, as opposed to only formal or procedural requirements. An action on the merits would, for example, contain a rejection or indication of allowability of a claim or claims rather than just a restriction requirements (37 C.F.R. 1.142) or just a requirement for additional fees to have a claim considered (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d)). Thus, if an application was filed on Jan. 1 and the first Office action on the merits was not mailed until six months later on July 1, the examiner would be required to consider any proper information disclosure statement filed prior to July 1." Notice of April 20, 1992 (1138 O.G. 37-41, 39).

WARNING: "A petition for suspension of action to allow applicant time to submit an information disclosure statement will be denied as failing to present good and sufficient reasons, since 37 C.F.R. 1.97 provides adequate recourse for the timely submission of prior art for consideration by the examiner." Notice of July 6, 1992 (1141 O.G. 63).

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37 C.F.R. 1.97(b).

NOTE: "Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section." 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a).

"Individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application within the meaning of this section are:

- (1) each inventor named in the application;
- (2) each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and
- (3) every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application." 37 C.F.R. 1.56(c).

NOTE: The "duty as described in § 1.56 will be met so long as the information in question was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by §§ 1.97(b) - (d) and 1.98 before issuance of the patent." Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13 -25 at 17.

WARNING: "No information disclosure statement may be filed in a provisional application." 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b).

List of Sections Forming Part of This Information Disclosure Statement

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

(check sections forming a part of this statement: discard unused sections and number pages consecutively)

1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
2. ☒ FORM PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 086)
3. ☐ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
4. ☐ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
5. ☐ Cumulative Patents or Publications
6. ☒ Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
7. ☐ Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items
 - 7A. ☐ EPO Search Report
 - 7B. ☐ English Language Version of EPO Search Report
8. ☐ Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents
9. ☐ Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items (Optional)
10. ☒ Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement

(complete the following, if appropriate)

Sections _____, respectively, have been continued on ADDED PAGE(S).

NOTE: "Once the minimum requirements are met, the examiner has an obligation to consider the information." Notice of April 20, 1992 (1138 O.G. 37-41, 37).

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Section 6. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2) requires that any information disclosure statement filed under § 1.97 shall include: "A legible copy of: (i) Each U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) Each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) All other information or that portion which caused it to be listed, except that no copy of a U.S. patent application need be included . . . "

NOTE: The wording in § 1.98(a)(2)(iii) makes it clear that the requirement to submit a copy of each item of information listed in an information disclosure statement does not apply to the citation of a U.S. patent application. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 14.

Legible copies of all items listed in Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B) accompany this information statement.

(complete the following, if applicable)

- ☐ Exception(s) to above:
 - ☐ Items in prior application, from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 4.
 - ☐ Cumulative patents or publications identified in Section 5.

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Section 10. Identification of Person(s) Making THIS INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The person making this statement is

(check each applicable item)

- (a) ☐ the inventor(s) who signs below

SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR

(type name of inventor who is signing)

- (b) ☐ an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. 1.56(c))

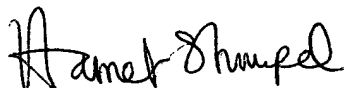
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- (c) ☒ the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information:

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Section 2. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Bevilacqua, M. et al. Attorney Docket: 2331/112
Serial No: 09/821,850 Art Group Unit: N/A
Date Filed: March 29, 2001 Examiner Name: N/A
Invention: Systems and Methods for Characterizing a Biological Condition or Agent
Using Precision Gene Expression Profiles

**LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR
APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT****United States Patents**

Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Document Number	Issue Date	Inventor	Class/Subclass
_____	AA	5,643,765	07/01/97	Wiley	435/91.2
_____	AB	5,811,231	09/22/98	Farr et al.	435/6
_____	AC	5,846,720	12/08/98	Foulkes et al.	435/6
_____	AD	5,866,330	02/02/99	Kinzier et al.	435/6
_____	AE	5,968,784	10/19/99	Spinella et al.	435/91.1
_____	AF	5,994,076	11/30/99	Chenchik et al.	435/6

International Patents

Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Document Number	Issue Date	Inventor	Class/Subclass
_____	AG	WO 97/41261	06.11.97	Gerdes et al.	C12Q 1/68
_____	AH	WO 98/24935	11.06.98	Ralph et al.	C12Q 1/68
_____	AI	WO 99/11822	11.03.99	Evans et al.	C12Q 1/68
_____	AJ	WO 99/44063	02.09.99	Leighton et al.	G01N 33/50
_____	AK	WO 99/46403	16.09.99	Schweighoffer	C12Q 1/68

Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Document Number	Issue Date	Inventor	Class/Subclass
_____	AL	WO 99/57130	11.11.99	Prashar et al.	C07H 21/04
_____	AM	WO 00/22172	20.04.00	Chenchik et al.	C12Q 1/68
_____	AN	WO 00/11208	02.03.00	Aebersold et al.	C12Q 1/68

Other Documents

Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Author	Title of Article, Title of Item, Date, Page(s), Volume-Issue Number(s), Publisher, City and Country
_____	AO	Vukmirovic et al.	"Exploring genome space" Nature, Volume 405:820-822 15 June 2000
_____	AP	Eisenberg et al.	"Protein function in the post-genomic era" Nature, Volume 405:823-826 15 June 2000
_____	AQ	Lockhart et al.	"Genomics, gene expression and DNA arrays" Nature, Volume 405:827-836 15 June 2000
_____	AR	Pandey et al.	"Proteomics to study genes and genomes" Nature, Volume 405:837-846 15 June 2000
_____	AS	Risch	"Searching for genetic determinants in the new millennium" Nature, Volume 405:847-856 15 June 2000
_____	AT	Roses	"Pharmacogenetics and the practice of medicine" Nature, Volume 405:857-865 15 June 2000

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